



Environment Committee

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members representing 168 towns and cities.

S.B. 837 "An Act Concerning the Use of Perfluoroalkyl or Polyfluoroalkyl Substances in Class B Firefighting Foam."

CCM supports S.B 837 with an additional recommendation.

CCM appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on S.B. 837 and would like to commend the work completed by the Connecticut Interagency PFAS Task Force last year, providing a draft PFAS Action Plan to address PFAS (per and polyfluorinated alkyl substances) and its impact on Connecticut residents along with the environment.

CCM supports measures to ban the use of PFAS taken in the bill. We are additionally encouraged by language in the bill which seek to establish a state takeback program of the PFAS chemical. **However we would recommend the bill go further by providing municipalities with a fire suppression alternative, as part of the takeback program, for fighting certain flammable vapor and liquid fires that cannot be extinguished with traditional fire suppression methods. To the extent possible, CCM requests that it be done in a way that is not financially burdensome for municipalities.**

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